Memorandum of various NE States on Hike in Price of Petro Products

2413. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI KHAGEN DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum has been submitted to Government by Ministers of Food and Civil Supplies of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Tripura in connection with proposed hike in prices of petroleum products and LPG; and

(b) if so, the details of the same and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The specific demand is to exempt North East India from the price increases of petroleum products. Petroleum products like motor spirit and diesel in North East are already having an element of subsidy like flat rate of transportation charges instead of actual freight. Additionally, there is a freight subsidy for the consumers of PDS kerosene and domestic LPG in North East.

Memorandum of M.Ps on merger of BRPL with IOC

2414. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 25 M.Ps representing North Eastern Region had given a memorandum on 7th December, 1999 for merging Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. (BRPL) with IOC; and

(b) if so, action taken by Government, so far, on the issue of merger?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A view on the demand pertaining to the merger of BRPL with Indian Oil Corporation will be taken in the overall interest of the Oil Industry.

Use of LPG as Fuel in Automobiles

2415. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: